been fixed as 8.2 per cent per year and 3.9 per cent per year respectively in the Ninth Plan which covers the period 1997 to 2002. The growth targets are not fixed annually. The Central Government do not fix growth targets for the states.

(b) The realised growth rates for the country as a whole in the first two years of Ninth Plan, *i.e.*, for the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 based on quick estimates and advanced estimates are −1.0 per cent and 5.3 per cent respectively in agriculture and allied sectors averaging 2.1 per cent per annum for the two years; and 6.3 per cent and 5.2 per cent respectively in industrial sector averaging 5.7 per cent per annum.

(c) The targets for industrial and agricultural growth are not fixed annually.

(d) Does not arise.

Data Collection Machinery

1831. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in The Times of India dated 5th July, 1998 that India's real GDP is 60 to 100 per cent more than what is indicated; and

(b) what are Government's plans to improve its data-gathering machinery to give a higher and true picture of India's wealth and income?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has decided to establish a National Statistical Commission to critically examine the deficiencies of the present statistical system with a view to recommending measures for a systematic revamping of the system. There is also a proposal for modernising the Indian Statistical System with possible external assistance.

Integrated Fuel Policy

1832. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an integrated fuel policy has been evolved by Energy Policy Committee constituted by Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the salient features of the short term and long term fuel policy for power generation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Energy Policy Committee constituted by Planning Commission has not finalised its report.

Agricultural Growth Target

1833. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Development Council (NDC) has approved the Plan target of annual agricultural growth of 3.9 per cent;

(b) if so, what would be the estimate of increase in food grains production every year;

(c) what additional infrastructure is proposed to maintain an annual agricultural growth rate of 3.9 per cent; and

(d) the details of finances involved to substantiate such targets?